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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PS LEADER PLANS U.S. VISIT

REF: LISBON A-224 OF OCTOBER 9, 1975

1. ACTING CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PS LEADER MARIO SOARES WOULD LIKE TO VISIT U.S. SOMETIME BEFORE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 1976 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO CONFER WITH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ON POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL, ALTHOUGH OTHER REASONS MIGHT BE GIVEN PUBLICLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS HERE. PS OFFICIAL ASKED EMBASSY TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WILLINGNESS OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO RECEIVE SOARES.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROPOSED SOARES TRIP WOULD BE USEFUL BOTH ON HILL AND HERE. WE BELIEVE THE INITIATIVE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDED IT AGREES THAT SOARES VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES ON HILL. SUGGEST STAFFS OF SENATORS KENNEDY, BROOKE, AND MCGOVERN, WHO HAVE VISITED PORTUGAL, BE INCLUDED IN SOUNDINGS. ALSO SENATORS PELL AND HUMPHRE WHO HAVE DISPLAYED KEEN INTEREST. SENATOR MANSFIELD, WHO VISITED LISBON IN AUGUST, WOULD BE EXCELLENT HOST IF HE WILLING TO TAKE ON JOB.

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